

22 May 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Immigration and Naturalization Service's
Investigation of Nazi War Criminals

1. Mr. Martin Mendelsohn, Chief, Special Litigation Unit of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, who is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of some two hundred alleged Nazi war criminals asked if CIA could provide him with a list of the 22 of 111 individuals with whom we were in contact.

2. We assured Mr. Mendelsohn of our continued desire to be as helpful as we could in support of his mission, but demurred at providing anyone at any time with a list of our sources even though such a list be classified. Mr. Mendelsohn explained that he needed the names for a briefing of the Commissioner. We reminded him that he had seen our file summaries of the individuals under discussion (which were prepared for the GAO review) which were also seen by the House Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff as well as the General Accounting Office investigators, themselves, and would have no objection to having the Commissioner review the collection of summaries.

3. After checking with the Commissioner, Mr. Mendelsohn found this to be an acceptable compromise and suggested a 1330 hours meeting on 26 May 1978 to permit review, in my presence, and immediate return.

4. As a courtesy, suggest [] advise I&NS/Intelligence that this is taking place and why. 25X1

5. For the record, Mr. Mendelsohn, when asked by the General Counsel for his title, reviewed all three:

a. Chief, Special Litigation Unit;

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- b. Special Assistant to the Attorney General;
- c. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney.

This permits Mr. Mendelsohn to act as prosecutor in any federal court and insures ready access to the Department of Justice.

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